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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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INFO AMEMBASSY CAPETOWN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMCONSUL LUANDA

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, WZ, PO

SUBJ: FADED RED CARPET FOR PORTUGUESE FOREIGN  
MINISTER

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 154: B) LOURENCO MARQUES 145

1. PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER RUI PATRICIO ARRIVED  
SWAZILAND MARCH 9 AND DEPRTE FOR ANGOLA AND WEEKEND  
REST MARCH 10. HE HAD TALKS WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
(PDM) ZONKE KHUMALO AND MINISTER STATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
STEPHEN MATSEBULA AND ATTENDED RECEPTION GIVEN BY  
PORTUGUESE EMBASSY EVENING MARCH 9.

2. SWAZI ATTITUDE TOWARD VISIT MARKEDLY COOL. IT  
COULD NOT BE CALLED POLITE. INTERVIEW WITH DPM  
UNDERSTANDABLE IN LIGHT CONTINUING CONVALESCENCE PRIME  
MINISTER. HOWEVER SWAZILAND BROADCASTING SERVICE RADIO  
NEWS BULLETIN ANNOUNCING MEETING WAS BACK TO BACK WITH  
BULLETIN DESCRIBING FAREWELL CALL SAME DAY OF ROC  
AMBASSADOR LO MING YUAN ON KING SOBHUZA. LARGE RECEPTION  
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AT ROYAL SWAZI SPA ATTENDED BY ONLY ONE CABINET MEMBER.  
DR. PYM DLAMINI, MINISTER HEALTH AND EDUCATION WHO  
RECENTLY RETURNED FROM LISBON INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON TROPICAL MEDICINE HELD FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 1. MATSEBULA  
NEXT HIGHEST RANKING SWAZI IN ATTENDANCE FOLLOWED BY  
PERMSECS HEALTH, JUSTICE AND DPM'S OFFICE. MOST EMBAR-  
RASSING WAS DISBRIBUTION GLASSES CHAMPAGNE AT END  
REINUE TO CLAIM THAT PRISONERS HAVE  
FLED, NAMES SHOULD BE GIVEN SO THAT THEIR WHEREABOUTS  
CAN BE CHECKED.

3. CONSOLIDATION OF THEIR POSITION IN IRAQ HAS OBVIOUSLY  
BEEN MAJOR FRENCH CONCERN IN PRESSING FOR EARLY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN IPC AND IRAQ. NOW THAT SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED  
WE WOULD HOPE FRENCH WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE FREER  
USE, FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES, OF CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE  
THEY SEEM TO HAVE ACQUIRED IN IRAQ. ROGERS

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